

House at 938 Dayton Street  
Cincinnati  
Hamilton County  
Ohio

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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## HOUSE AT 938 DAYTON STREET

Location: 938 Dayton Street, Cincinnati  
Hamilton County, Ohio

Within the Dayton Street Historic District, USGS  
Covington Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator  
Coordinates: 16.713800.4332700, 16.713780.4332230,  
16.713250.4332410 and 16.713110.4332750

Present Owner: Norman Kattelman

Present Occupant: Unoccupied, under restoration

Present Use: Private dwelling

Significance: This is a relatively large house in the vernacular idiom that illustrates the change in Cincinnati from the late classical revival to the French Second Empire Style. It is one of several such houses in what is now designated the Dayton Street Historic Interest Area.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: The house stands on a parcel of land originally sold on October 13, 1794 to Jonathan Dayton of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, for \$42,897.00 by John Cleves Symmes, who obtained the original patent for the Miami Purchase from the United States Congress.

William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States, on October 1, 1818, as an executor of the estate of Symmes, and as then Governor of the Indiana Territory, re-negotiated the sale, inasmuch as the original deed was said to have been lost. Because of the riots and fire of 1884, the records contained in the Hamilton County Court House were either partially or totally destroyed, thus making the present records an incomplete source of information. It is known from the remaining records that George Hatch, who owned other property in the area, purchased this parcel of land on October 31, 1856. On March 23, 1864, the portion upon which the house now stands was sold. Between 1856 and the present there have been numerous owners, none of whom has any claim to local or national prominence.

2. Date of erection: A date cannot be deduced from available records. The architectural character of the house, which is compatible with other houses in Cincinnati of a known date, would indicate that a date of around 1870 is reasonable.

3. Architect: Unknown
  4. Alterations and additions: None of apparent significance.
- B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the House:
- None known.
- C. Sources of Information:
1. Old views: None known.
  2. Bibliography:  
  
Sale by George Hatch: Deed Book 232, p.135

Prepared by: Carl A. Saladino  
Project Historian  
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## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: One of the three extant houses of significant architectural character on the north side of Dayton Street between Baymiller Street and Freeman Street. The facade is in the French Second Empire style capped by a mansard roof.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair. The structure is presently undergoing restoration.

### B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This three bay, two-and-one-half story, side-hall plan house measures 21'-0" by 85'-0".
2. Foundations: Brick and stone.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: The structure is gray painted common brick with white painted limestone opening surrounds and quoins on the front.
4. Structural system, framing: Masonry bearing walls.
5. Porches, stoops: Limestone entrance steps between low podia.
6. Chimneys: There are three brick chimneys in the east wall.

7. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: Recessed front entrance with limestone jambs and segmental arched pediment. The wooden door has an arched glass transom. The door has four panels with two upper glass panels.
- b. Windows, shutters: All windows are double-hung. The front windows are one-over-one-light. The remaining windows are two-over-two-light and six-over-six-light.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: The front block, has a slate mansard roof and tarred roll roofing. The rear wing has a shed roof with tarred roll roofing.
  - b. Cornice: Bracketed cornice with dentils.
  - c. Dormers: There are two dormers in the mansard roof.
- C. Description of Interior: The structure is one of the typical three bay side-hall plan houses so frequently found in the area. At the present time the house is undergoing renovation and the interior character of the house was not ascertained.
- D. Site:
1. General setting: Located on the north side of Dayton Street, the house is one of three houses remaining in this block on that side of the street in the Dayton Street Historic Interest Area.
  2. Outbuildings: There is a carriage house at the rear of the lot.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

These data are part of the documentation made during the 1974 Cincinnati Project undertaken by HABS in cooperation with the Miami Purchase Association and City of Cincinnati. Records were made of a part of the Dayton Street Historic interest Area of the City of Cincinnati.

The project was under the general supervision of John Poppeliers, Chief of the Historic American Buildings Survey. The project supervisor was J. William Rudd of the University of Cincinnati. The project historian was Carl A. Saladino of the Ohio State University. The measured drawings for the project were prepared by architects Steven B. Kells (University of Cincinnati) and Richard Wyatt (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo), and student assistant architects William Maxwell Miller (University of Pennsylvania) and Osbourne K. Simms III (University of Illinois, Chicago Circle). The photographs were taken by HABS photographer Jack E. Boucher in July 1982.